

FLORA OF BRAZIL

State of Minas Gerais

No. R. 6364 *Scleria secans* (L.) Urb. ^{Det. D. Simpson}
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Scleria Vernacular names: Navalha de macaco, Tiririca de vampiro

Reserva de Grande Sertao Veredas, 15°08'S 46°46'W, area of Rio Preto (tributary of R. Carinhanha) very near the border with Bahia.

In dense, low, gallery forest thicket with many lianas. Probably flooded during the rainy season.

Razor-grass climbing to 4m in trees.

The second vernacular name refers to the use of these climbing razor-grasses to prevent entry of vampire bats into primitive country houses. They are hung in the unglazed windows and the doorways, and presumably the bats are afraid of colliding with their sharp and clinging leaves.

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